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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSAL AND GENEVA GROUP MEETING

REF: (A) USUN 3633, (B) STATE 220531

1. FRG MISOFF QUERIED US SEPTEMBER 10 ABOUT U.S. POSITIONS ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND THE PROPOSED GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN NEW YORK. DRAWING ON THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING IN NEW YORK (REF A), HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE US HAD SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND WAS OPPOSED IN ANY EVENT TO HOLDING A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN NEW YORK IN OCTOBER. HE WAS SUPRISED AT THIS AND WONDERED WHETHER WE INTENDED TO ALERT THE FRENCH MISSION OR OTHERS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 15 GENEVA GROUP CONSIDERATIONS.

2. WE EXPRESSED SURPRISE IN TURN ABOUT THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE REPORT HE HAD AND CAREFULLY READ OUT TO HIM APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF STATE 220531 TO SET HIM STRAIGHT ON BOTH POINTS, OBSERVING THAT THIS

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POSITION PAPER HAD BEEN THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE FIVE

MISSIONS IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN BRIEFED. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS CLARIFICATION AS HE WAS PREPARING A BRIEF ON VIEWS OF OTHERS FOR USE BY THE BONN REPRESENTATIVE (SCHMITZ) WHO WILL REPRESENT THE FRG AT THE SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING.

3. WE SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED A SIMILAR RUN-DOWN OF US POSITIONS TO A JAPANESE MISOFF WHO INQUIRED ABOUT OUR THINKING IN CONNECTION WITH TOKYO'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAME MEETING. HE SAID THAT UN DEPARTMENT HEAD OKAWA BASICALLY IS ATTRACTED TO THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND LIKES THE IDEA OF A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN NEW YORK. (IT WOULD HAVE TO OCCUR BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER, HOWEVER, FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND.) US THINKING ON TREATY OBLIGATION ASPECTS OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL GENERALLY ACCORDED WITH JAPANESE VIEWS.

4. COMMENT: BOTH THE FRG AND JAPANESE MISOFF COMMENTED TO US THAT REPORTS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK ABOUT THE VIEWS OF OTHER MISSION THERE CONCERNING THESE QUESTIONS HAD CONTRASTED WITH REPORTS FROM GENEVA AND LEFT A CONFUSED PICTURE IN THEIR CAPITALS. UK MISOFFS EARLIER HAD CONFIDED TO US THAT LONDON IS EXPERIENCING THE SAME PHENOMENON. ALL PUT IT DOWN TO PERSONAL COLORATION BY THEIR NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES, AND SAID THEIR CAPITALS ARE BEGINNING TO DO LIKEWISE. CATTO

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